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Good evening, It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Olympic Legacy Park, the home of Sheffield Eagles Rugby League Football club.

I would like to welcome Toulouse Olympique XIII together with their Chairman, directors, backroom staff, players and of course any their spectators who have made the trip from the to South of France to

Yorkshire for this Championship clash where 4th are playing second and only two points difference between the teams.

Having travelled to London to play against Toronto Wolfpack in what was classed as their home tie and coming away from that game as the losers we need to up our game today as Toulouse Olympique are really on form and are looking to take as many scalps as possible so that they can qualify for Super League at the end of the season.

Last Thursday I attended meeting of the RFL Championship and Championship 1 where Super league clubs were invited but not allowed to vote at the meeting.

The whole of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation of two consortiums that wish to have clubs enter the game in 2020 Ottawa and New York.

The representatives from Ottawa was Eric Perez (who you may recall was the person who represented Toronto Wolfpack on their application to join the league) and the representative for New York was Ricky Wilbey (whose uncle played for Sheffield Eagles many years ago)

Both of the presentation were extremely good and were very well presented by both the representatives.



After their presentation there was a question and answer session and both parties answered all questions with the exception of finance. The question regarding finance is the realm of the RFL and they are to carry out due diligence on all the parties and sponsors and then report back to the Championship and League 1 Chairman as soon as possible.

A vote was taken and with a good majority it was decided subject to the due diligence proving both parties are suitable, then the RFL may make the decision regarding the two clubs being admitted to play next season. I would like to mention the Olympic Legacy Park and where we are up to with regard to the facilities at the ground. At present the ground is in a transitional period regarding the ownership.

The ownership is now being transferred from the Sheffield Council to the Scarborough Group. Once all the legalities have been satisfied the Scarborough Group will commence construction of a circa 800-seater stand and 3,000 terracing which will have all the requirements for a sports arena integral to its construction, i.e. changing rooms, dining rooms, bars, toilets etc. We as a tenant have to, at present, until the new stand is completed, manage our match days with hired temporary facilities. This is a fact and there is no alternative.

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# TUBBY TALK

Welcome back to the Olympic Legacy Park as we prepare for the start of the Easter double-header.

We worked the lads hard in training up until last weekend when, with no game, we gave them some time away to freshen up ready for three tough games in quick succession.

I thought in our last outing we performed to the level we were looking for after a disappointing defeat in the Challenge Cup to Leigh Centurions. We really gave Toronto something to think about, and in the end I thought the scoreline was very flattering on them.

It was, as expected, a really tough game. Toronto have quality, and that's what money gets you, but we aren't the only side to have made them work extremely hard for their win this season. I was pleased with the lads, and that performance, coupled with a well-earned rest should give us the platform to take on an equally impressive side in Toulouse this evening.

We have bolstered our ranks since the last home outing, and I was delighted to bring in Pat Moran on an initial one-month loan from Warrington. The early signs are good, and those who watched the Toronto game will agree that he seemed to fit in well with what we already have here.

The deal is for a month to start with, but there could be scope to let it run on after the initial four week stint. I was also delighted to welcome back Sadiq Adebiyi and Ben Hellewell on dual-reg from London, with Dan Hindmarsh also coming in, and we are hopeful of keeping hold of them for a few weeks yet.



Overall the new faces gave us a little injection at the right time, but I certainly haven't forgotten our main aim here which is to develop our own players. We just felt as staff that at this moment, we just need to freshen things up. I think you can see the impact the new lads have had, and with Blake Broadbent back from suspension, there has been a welcome increase in options available to us.

Today marks the start of a busy run of games with a trip to Rochdale on Monday, followed by another home game here against Halifax on the following Sunday. It's a tough set of fixtures, but following the break we are all ready for the challenge, and looking forward to trying to kick on again after a very good start to the campaign.

As always, a warm welcome to everyone from Toulouse, and a big thank you for all the recent support home and away.

Enjoy the game today and Happy Easter to all of our supporters.

Head Coach - Mark Aston



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I would to welcome all our quests here this evening for our Easter clash with **Toulouse Olym**pique XIII.

Brian Gormley and his party who are out Man of The Match sponsor this evening along with Emma Digby and her guest from Bell & Buxton and last but my no means least, Adrian Bentley & his guests.

Adrian has been a stalwart supporter of the club for a number of years and it's great to have him back on board.

The question I get a lot is, 'Why should I sponsor The Eagles?'& 'What benefit does that give my business?' Well recently we have a couple of case studies. Let's start with exposure.

One of the biggest benefits of being one of our kits sponsors is the exposure that gets. We have several big companies emblazoned on our kits and every week this is shown off to fans, both home and away, and post-game the highlights appear on Social Media and through other outlets controlled by the RFL.

I would not like to hazard a guess at the amount of people who will see the brands but it is significant for the small outlay compared to football or other major team sports.

On top of this, we player Toronto earlier this month which was shown live on Sky Sports.



I watched the game the sponsors logos we almost constantly prevalent and visible. We also got coverage for the sponsors who sponsor our physio and water tops!

One of the tricks is to ensure the design of the shirts and the colouring is sympathetic to the logos. One of the reasons our current away kit works so well is that the Black body allows the brands to stand out a mile

The home kits are slightly different as we have less movement on the design. The story here is to expect some "different" home and competition kits over the coming seasons!

I would also like to thank Mark Goodison who has becoming the latest founder member of the 98 Club. The club is now growing rapidly, and spaces are getting filled.

Remember there are only 98 memberships available in total for individuals or companies and the opportunities around it are never to be repeated. If you are interested, please aet in touch.

Finally, as always, if you do know anyone who may be interested in getting involved with The Eagles, please pass them my way.

Commercial Director - Mark Hannigan



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## FROM THE OFFICE

### What a difference a year makes eh?

Granted it was a couple of weeks' earlier but Good Friday in 2018 saw our first victory of the season after a tough start and what would turn into a difficult season in general.

Everyone keeps saying, and I agree, the Betfred Championship in 2019 is an exciting competition. We are just over a third of the way through the season and every team has bagged themselves at least one victory whilst every team has suffered defeat.

I'd encourage all our supporters to download the OurLeague App. It has great content from the weekly Championship podcasts with views from the media, players and coaches across the week, the highlights show usually fronted by ex-Eagle Andrew Henderson and live weekly games. All the content is completely free and pretty good quality.

More importantly for the club, if you download the app and select Sheffield Eagles as your favourite club it goes a long way to helping to secure more funding for 2019 which in turn will help keep this great side Tubbs' has put together here at the Eagles! Our next home game against Halifax with be shown live on the OurLeague App so we need a big healthy crowd here at the Olympic Legacy Park to display rugby league is well & truly alive in the Steel City.

It's been busy off the field lately with Lewis Taylor heading to Coventry on loan whilst Menzie has finally been granted his leave to remain in the UK and so has signed a contract until the end of the season and a subsequent loan deal with Doncaster.



I've said it elsewhere but Menzie and his family have a lot of people to thank including our Chairman, Chris Noble MBE, Chris Jones of Work Permit Experts who handled his case and you our supporters who kindly donated to his cause and then the hearty ban who continued to help him with paying bills, supermarket shops etc. Let's hope he has a excellent month with Doncaster and perhaps give Mark some thoughts about his upcoming squad selections so the he can repay his debt in the best way he knows, on the pitch.

Finally, the Summer Bash is fast approaching. The media launch took place last week in Blackpool, a very cold morning for me and Captain Matt James on the coast. Keep an eye out for his in-depth interview with Alex Simmons on the OurLeague app in the coming weeks. We now have tickets, and these will be on-sale next week. We keep 100% of proceeds of tickets purchased through the club and so we encourage everyone to get direct from ourselves. They will be available online, over the phone, at the office and at our game vs Halifax a week on Sunday.

General Manager - Liam Claffey



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### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

We had a look at this last year in the programme, but I thought it worth touching on something similar again now as we hit a 10 day stretch with 3 games.

This is a tough time for us to manage part time players through all the elements they need to stay fit and health with such short turn arounds heading from the game at home vs Toulouse to away in Rochdale a couple of days later and finally at home again to Halifax the following Sunday.

How do you manage the players through this period to keep them fit and healthy? It's a difficult question to answer given each player will react differently to a game and therefore require different recovery modalities to help get them back to 100% (or as close as possible) within 48 hours or so.

We try and facilitate this as best we can with by bringing the guys in on Saturday for a recovery session, some sports massage, activation work, self-body management and assessment to encourage their bodies to kick start that process of repair ready for the game on Monday.

We'll also follow Monday up with our usual training session on Tuesday being replaced with a further recovery session, similar to Saturday. Is it the perfect system? Not at all, but it will give the players a good chance to recover.

What else can we do then? This is where squad management comes in and for the coaches to play a smart game with selection. Many of the team will have a good opportunity to get game time on Monday where they might not previously have been in the squad.

Not to say that they aren't good enough to be in, but because the opportunity is there for us to potentially rest a couple of the players who are a little more battle worn and could do with the rest.



We have also been luck (in a way, although we would have liked to have been in it) to be able to give the players the weekend before off as a long weekend. Let them rest up and recover after a tough block ready to hit the ground running in another tough block.

Hopefully between all the back room staff we keep our guys fit and healthy, eager to go through the next 10 days!

Player Performance Manager - Simon Vardy







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# TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Toulouse Olympique arrived in South Yorkshire this evening, like the hosts, well rested after a weekend off due to not being involved in the Challenge Cup, they not partaking, the Eagles being knocked out by Leigh in the last round.

It was likely a welcome break for both sides ahead of a crammed Easter schedule which is a test for all clubs and players each year.

The French side have started 2019 in fantastic form after what they would probably describe as a disappointing end to 2019 in the now scrapped Super 8's Qualifiers. The club have made their intentions clear that they are striving for a place in Super League and would have been disappointed not to have reached the final, instead London gaining promotion after defeating Toronto.

Olympique and the Wolfpack have been the early pace setters so far but the side from the south of France have a difficult start to the season with back-to-back defeats with a surprise loss away to Leigh in the opening round followed by 24-36 rout at home against Widnes.

Since then they have remained undefeated just two points behind the Canadian leaders in second place, the Eagles heading into this evening's tie in fourth, with a game in hand.

This has included comfortable victories against Batley, Rochdale & Barrow with further results against Bradford, Swinton and most recently Featherstone. Sylvian Houles' sides biggest victory of the season came against the team sitting at the top as Brian McDermott's Toronto were well and truly routed 46-16 in front of over 6.000 spectators at Stade Ernest-Wislon, home of Stade Toulousain

The visitors have a healthy international makeup to their squad, with a strong core of French players with the likes of halves Stan Robin & William Barthau and centres Bastien Ader & Matthieu Jussaume along with Australian Dean Parata and Kiwi James Bell.The full-time side have a plethora or experience and skill and a style of play that is synonymous with French sides, quick, exiting rugby with added flair thrown in.

It could be a difficult challenge for Mark Aston's side tonight but no doubt after a solid performance against Toronto, perhaps the score line not reflecting the efforts made. will be looking to put down a marker and solidified their place towards the top end of the table.



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# THREETOWATCH

Chosen by many as the best full back in the competition. he won the Championship Player of the Year last season, as chosen by the coaches in the competition, beating his teammate Ford (below) and Scott Murrell of Halifax.

The influential man at the back is ever present for Toulouse so far this season and during the past four seasons he has amassed an impressive 76 tries in just 94 appearances. This is without mentioning his solid aim with the boot as Olympique's goal kicker. Top points scorer for them in 2018, he will be looking to guide them to promotion this season and he will be key to helping the club continue their rich vein of form.



### **Dean Parata**

Spotted in the New South Wales competition, Parata was picked up by Barrow Raiders ahead of the 2018 season following their promotion back to the Championship.

The hooker, who due to his heritage has played international rugby league for Italy was then snapped up by Toulouse after an excellent year with the Raiders.

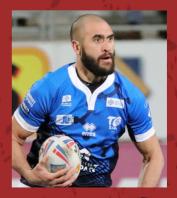
He made a fantastic start to 2019, scoring five tries in the French clubs' opening six games and put in an excellent, commanding display when they put the Wolfpack to the sword last month. Quick around the ruck and not afraid to scoot from dummy half, a constant worry for any opposition side.

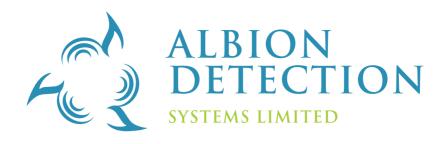
### Johnathon Ford

Not your typical looking half-back, at 6ft 4" lanky playmaker Ford has been a quality addition to Toulouse since joining them back in 2011 after making the trip over from Australia.

The ex-Sydney Roosters youngster has been a threat to the Eagles on many occasions. He is a threat with ball in hand, with excellent knack of finding a cut out pass to his centres or wingers and has a good kicking game to go with his dominating style of play.

He has amassed nearly 150 games for Olympique with plus 30 tries to his name, a constant threat who will look to control matters this evening.





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### AARON BROWN

This week, Eagles Media Man Daniel Fowler talked with off-season signing, Aaron Brown about the Eagles form of late and how the loose forward is finding his time in South Yorkshire so far.

DF: We're coming into the Toulouse game after losing to Toronto. How do you think we performed against the Wolfpack?

AB: As a whole I think we performed better than the scoreline reflected. We had a look through the video, did a review and we put some good moves together and played some good football.

The scoreline was flattering to them, scoring something like 22 points in the last ten minutes of each half. We could have done better regarding that.

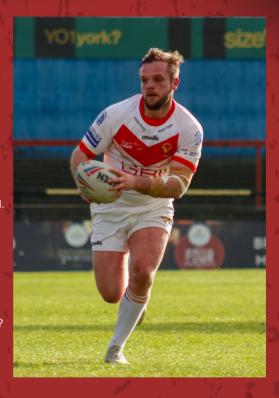
DF: We also played on a 4G surface and threw the ball around well. I guess we gained a bit of confidence from that?

AB: We went out with a game plan and I think we troubled them guite a bit. All credit to the boys, I thought we stuck with it quite well.

DF: We've had a week without a match, I assume the extra training has made up for that?

AB: Yeah of course! He likes to say he gives us a week off but he does get us doing extra bits and it'll be a tougher week considering we don't have a match.

We get on with it and we had a longer weekend off which is good for our bodies ahead of Easter.



DF: Today we face Toulouse who have been known to play expansively. It's got all the makings of a great game hasn't it?

AB: We know that Toulouse are a quality side. They have some great players like Johnathon Ford and Mark Kheirallah out of the back. Willam Barthau too.

All good players, organisers and runners and on the OLP pitch it'll definitely be an expansive one and one to look forward to.



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### AARON BROWN

DF: It must also be a good feeling to be back on home turf?

AB: Yeah it seems like we've been away for ages with the Toronto game and the week off for so it'll be nice to get back there. After being at Dewsbury for a few years it's took a bit of getting use to the new surface but it's good and we're looking forward to it.

DF: Easter is a busy time of year for a rugby player, how do you find it?

AB: It is tough on the body and especially for the lads that are working full time outside of rugby as well. Where I work, we do get Good Friday off but I'll be in on the Saturday for rehab

I'll only have Saturday afternoon then Sunday to recover and then back at it Monday but it's what we get paid to do.

DF: How much of a boost would a win today be, considering we've got a game on Monday too?

AB: To pick up a scalp like Toulouse is definitely something we'll be looking to do.

We want to be testing ourselves against these big teams and it is a good challenge for us, to set a good marker and keep ourselves up at the top end of the table.

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### Rugby League Idol?

The Paul Brothers at Bradford.

### Come Dine with Me - Meal vou'd make & three quest?

Kevin Hart. The Rock and Chris Tucker would be my three quests, would be the funniest dinner ever.

I'd have nachos for starters, roast beef dinner with all the trimminas for my main course and apple crumble and custard for dessert.

### **Pointless or The Chase?**

The Chase. Pointless is rubbish!



Rvan Millar

Number: 13 **Position:** Loose Forward

Heiaht: 5ft 7 Weight: 85kg Twitter:

@aaron brown1

### Last to Buy a Round

Tiahtest man? Joslin Landu. recently come from Wakefield. He's pretty tight, gets a free lift and rarely gets the coffees in!

### Worst Dressed?

Now then! A few would say Faz with his high-tops but for me it's got to be Ollv Davies. He turned up in some absolute rascal trainers and hasn't lived it down since!

### Funniest in the squad?

I think there's only one winner and that's Blackv (Ben Blackmore) - haven't a clue where he gets half the stuff he comes out with!

### Snapchat or Instagram?

Snapchat as I don't have Instagram

### TODAY'STEAMS







### SHEFFIELD **EAGLES**

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Referee: M. Griffiths Touch Judges: S. Ellis & S. Houghton

### TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII

- G DG
- 1. Mark Kheirallah
- 2. Tony Maurel
- 3. Bastien Ader
- 4. Gavin Marquerite
- 5. Paul Marcon
- 6. Johnathon Ford
- 7. Stan Robin
- 8. Maxime Puech
- 9. Anthony Marion
- 10. Joe Bretherton
- 11. Constantine Mika
- 12. Rhys Curran
- 13. Andrew Bentley
- 14. Dean Parata
- 15. Ben Evans
- 16. Tyla Hepi
- 17. Paterika Vaivai
- 18. Clement Boyer
- 19. James Bell
- 20. Ilias Bergal
- 21. Jordan Dezaria
- 22. Brenden Santi
- 23. Justin Sangare
- 30. William Barthau







Match Comissioner: P. Hewitt

Reserve Referee: G. Evans Time Keeper: C. Morris

### LEIGH CENTURIONS 31/03/19

Leigh Centurions booked their place in the fifth round of the Challenge Cup with a professional performance against Sheffield Eagles.

Three tries in eight second half minutes was enough for Leigh to seal victory in comfortable fashion against an Eagles team who flattered to deceive compared to previous

Sheffield handed a debut to Lewis Taylor while there was a late change to the Centurions' lineup as Stefan Marsh failed a fitness test.Dec O'Donnell came in for the former Widnes outside-back and started on the bench.

It took three minutes for the first points of the game and it went the way of the visitors. Leigh showed their worth on the fast surface by playing the ball wide for Mitch Cox who passed for Gregg McNally to cross. Martyn Ridyard added the extras.

McNally was at the heart of the action and should have returned the favour for Cox but his pass to the winger was adjudged forward by Greg Dolan.

Leigh certainly had the best of the action in the first period and were ruing another missed opportunity as Jonny Pownall's try was ruled out for a forward pass on 24 minutes. Moments later, Sheffield were level thanks to a bullet Josh Guzdek pass which found Ryan Millar. The winger had a walk-in and got a better angle for Patch Walker to duly add the extras.

On the half-hour, Josh Woods caught Millar out as the Wigan loanee poached a 40/20. The following set saw Toby Adamson barge over and regain the visitors' advantage. Ridyard goaled.

A Guzdek error close to half-time gave Leigh one more chance to add to their tally. They capitalised on the opportunity as Cox fended



off a number of Eagles defenders to scoot over. Ridyard converted for a two-score halftime lead. The Eagles came out of the blocks well and cut the lead to six points when Walker's grubber was collected by Oliver Davies who dotted down. Walker converted.

Soon after and Sheffield were close to the Centurions whitewash courtesy of some great play from Guzdek, Glover and Thackeray who made solid metres. A penalty later gave the Eagles more field position but a knock-on stopped them in their tracks.

Just shy of the hour mark and Leigh were back to two scores ahead. Millar took a high bomb with ease but didn't manage to hold on after being tackled, Nick Gregson was the beneficiary for four points. Ridyard convert-

Two tries in as many minutes for the Centurions ended the game as a contest and put the visitors into the hat for the next round. Firstly, quick hands to the right flank opened up space for Pownall to go over untouched. Ridyard couldn't convert from the corner.

A tiring Sheffield defence could not handle the next barrage which came in the form of Sam Brooks. The prop forward blasted his way through the Eagles' rearguard and he wasn't going to be stopped. Ridyard goaled.

# MATCH REPORT

### SHEFFIELD **FAGLES**

12-34

**FEATHERSTONE** ROVERS

- 1. Josh Guzdek
- 2. Ryan Millar
- 18. James Glover
- 19. Sonny Esslemont
- 5. Ben Blackmore
- 6. Pat Walker
- 7. Anthony Thackeray
- 11. Brad Knowles
- 14. Grea Burns
- 10. Matt James
- 12. Joel Farrell
- 15. Olly Davies
- 13. Aaron Brown

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### INTERCHANGE

- 9. James Davey
- 25. Lewis Taylor
- 23. Rorv Dixon
- 17. Shaun Pick



- 1. Grea McNally
- 2. Jonny Pownell
  - 3. Iain Thornley
    - 19. Mitch Cox
- 12. Andy Thornley
  - 7. Josh Woods
- 6. Martun Ridvard
  - 29. Jake Emmitt
    - 27. Liam Hood
  - 10. Sam Brooks
- 11. Toby Adamson
- 17. Nick Greason
  - 15. Joe Cator

### INTERCHANGE

- 9. Micky Higham
  - 8. Tom Spencer
- 13. Luke Adamson
- 18. Declan O'Donnell

### TORONTO WOLFPACK 06/04/19

Sheffield Eagles suffered their second loss in the 2019 Betfred Championship at the hands of Toronto Wolfpack at London Skolars' New River Stadium.

In a spirited effort, the Eagles crossed the whitewash through Oliver Davies and Rvan Millar but the Wolfpack showed their quality with some impressive ball handling.

Blake Wallace and Matty Russell both notched braces for the hosts as two tries just before the break and one shortly after the restart put paid to Sheffield's hopes.

Daniel Hindmarsh and Pat Moran both came into the Eagles squad for his debut

on dual-registration from London Broncos and loan from Warrington Wolves respec-

Sheffield put pressure on early as Anthony Thackeray won a goal line dropout but the following set saw a forward pass end the opportunity.

Chase Stanley opened the scoring for the Wolfpack on 12 minutes, closely followed over the try-line by Russell. O'Brien couldn't convert either try.

After a Toronto error from the restart, Sheffield got on the board thanks to Davies.

A solid line put the second-rower through a gap and he couldn't be stopped. Pat Walker's conversion attempt drifted wide.

Toronto tries in the 37th and 40th minute proved to be massive blows for the Eagles.



Tom Olbison and Andy Ackers both touched down and O'Brien added one goal for an 18-8 half-time lead.

In the second period, the Wolfpack were over in the early stages.

A feature of the game was Toronto's running on the last tackle and they capitalised again on this occasion through Wallace.

The Eagles responded on 50 minutes as James Glover's swift offload gave Millar room down the flank and the winger dotted down. Walker converted.

The next try came just short of the hour mark and Russell completed his brace with a tidy finish in the corner.

Wallace and Adam Sidlow added four-pointers in the final quarter as the Canadian outfit got to 40-points for the afternoon.

# MATCH REPORT

### TORONTO WOLFPACK

### 40-10 SHEFFIELD EAGLES

- 1. Gaz O'Brien
- 2. Matty Russell
- 3. Chase Stanley
- 4. Ricky Leutele
- 7. Josh McCrone
- 8. Adam Sidlow
- 10. Ashton Sims
- 11. Andrew Dixon
  - 13. Jon Wilkin
- 14. Andy Ackers
- 16. Tom Olbison
- 17. Blake Wallace
- 27. Hakim Miloudi

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### INTERCHANGE

- 15. Darcy Lussick
- 18. Gadwin Springer
- 21. Anthony Mullally
  - 26. Brad Fash

- 1. Josh Guzdek
- 2. Ryan Millar
- 18. James Glover
- 28. James Hellewell
- 5. Ben Blackmore
- 6. Pat Walker
- 7. Anthony Thackeray
- 8. Patrick Moran
- 9. James Davev
- 10. Matt James
- 12. Joel Farrell
- 15. Olly Davies
- 13. Aaron Brown

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- 11. Brad Knowles

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# EAGLES STATS

Tomorrow on 20 April, Quentin Laulu-Togagae played his 100th game for Sheffield Eagles becoming 100 Club member number 43.

There have been 3 previous games "On This Day", all played in Sheffield, 1987 against Doncaster where Eagles lost 14 - 16.In 1992 against Ryedale-York a 42 - 7 win for Sheffield and finally 2015 against Hull FC in the Challenge Cup which saw a 12 - 34 loss. All 3 were at different venues making today's the fourth.

Today's visitors have been the opposition on 13 occasions Eagles have won a total of 8 games against Toulouse but have lost the last 5 matches. The losses date back to May 2017 and includes 3 Championship games and one "Shield" meeting and the Championship Shield final (pictured), both played in Toulouse.

Sheffield scores total 348 points (Average score 28). Toulouse total 341[average 26] points]Looking back to game 1. Eagles 22 Toulouse Olympique 6. Eagles took the best top French side Toulouse had to offer before winning this Challenge Cup game. Olympique felt that the sending off of Mitchell early in the second half was the turning point. Toulouse looked like a side that hadn't played a game this year. They gave away too many penalties and turned the ball over too often. Most of the first half matched the dourness of the weather switching from a hailstorm to bright sunshine.

Half-backs Lindsay and Wood were looking sharp for the Eagles. Toulouse substitute forward Pramil was shown a yellow card for an incident at a tackle. Toulouse scrum-half



Wynn's long ball found Couturier and the centre went in for the first try. Wynn added the goal. Toulouse held the lead until halftime but after the break as the sun started to come out the Eagles looked more positive and soon wiped out the deficit.

Substitute forward Barlow powered over the touchline from first receiver with Woodcock adding the goal. Toulouse's hooker Mitchell was shown a red card for a spear tackle on Wood after 47 minutes. The tackle was followed by a punch-up and Eagles forward Hepworth was sin binned for retaliation. Lindsay produced the key try to put the Eagles ahead. Woodcock added the goal.

The Eagles were controlling the ball and Matty Brooks' pass sent in winger Damian Gibson for his second try in two games. Woodcock's kick hit the post and failed to go over. But Woodcock - who had a great all round game - finished the scoring with a break from dummy half to touchdown and then added the goal.

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Enjoy the game.

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### VIEW FROM THE TERRACE

The Eagles return to action tonight as they play host to Toulouse Olympique at the Olympic Legacy Park.

As always, we can expect a tough contest against the Frenchmen who possess quality all across the park and will be striving for promotion to Super League come the end of the year.

For the Eagles, despite two losses in as many games in all competitions, it has been a positive start to the campaign and if they can bounce back here - positive will

be very high going into Easter Monday.

It's a busy time of year for part-time players such as ours and they all deserve praise for their commitment to the cause.

It's bound to be a challenge tonight for our lads but with the way we have played the majority of our games in 2019, there's nothing to say we can't give Toulouse a run for their money.

We come into the game after losing to Toronto Wolfpack in London. Pat Moran and Daniel Hindmarsh both made their debuts for the club on loan from Warrington and dual-registration from London Broncos respectively.

Both gave a good account of themselves and if they keep up the same calibre of performances, they will certainly be fan favourites in the Red and Gold.

Like our victories at the OLP, the Eagles played expansively at New River on a similar surface to our home turf.



We moved the Wolfpack defence around and if it wasn't for some lacklustre last tackle defending, we'd have kept in close distance to the Canadians. However, it was not to be and the Eagles travelled back to South Yorkshire with their heads held high.

As for Toulouse, they have had a week off like us. They did not compete in this season's Challenge Cup and they will be fresh and ready for the busy Easter period.

The likes of Mark Kheirallah and Johnathon Ford are top players who can certainly compete in Super League. If the Eagles are to win tonight, they will need to keep a keen eye on the creative duo.

Their forward pack is certainly not to be taken lightly either. With some of the rising stars of the Championship division, Justin Sangare and Tyla Hepi being two of them, the Eagles big men will need to be on top form once again.

Enjoy the game!

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